

SFI Certified Forest Destruction

Forest certification should help consumers choose wood and paper products from forests managed to exemplary environmental and social standards. However, a certification system is only as good as the forest practices it approves. The American Forest & Paper Association's *Sustainable Forestry Initiative* claims to guarantee well-managed forests – but often certifies forest destruction. SFI certified companies such as Weyerhaeuser, Pacific Lumber, and Sierra Pacific Industries destroy forests by using practices like:

- *Logging or buying wood from old growth forests, endangered species' habitats, or other endangered forests;*
- *Logging or buying wood from some of the America's last unprotected wilderness;*
- *Replacing natural forests with ecologically-barren tree plantations or subdivisions; or*
- *Using gigantic clearcuts, toxic herbicide spraying, or other harmful logging practices.*

WEYERHAEUSER CO. ⊕ Clearcutting habitat for threatened coho salmon and spotted owls in Oregon. ⊕ Clearcutting endangered mountain caribou habitat in Canada. ⊕ Widespread short rotation plantations fail to produce important habitats and mature trees, lack diversity, and use intensive, repeated chemical applications. ⊕ Replacing forests with subdivisions in Washington and the Southern US. ⊕ Involved with genetically modified tree research. ⊕ Used illegal tactics to force out competitors in the alder market.

PLUM CREEK TIMBER CO. ⊕ Clearcutting/logging old growth forests and other wild, unlogged forests in Washington and Montana. ⊕ Eliminating grizzly bear, spotted owl, and other endangered species' habitats. ⊕ Violating wildlife and forestry rules in Maine. ⊕ Replacing forests with subdivisions and other nonforest land uses in Washington, Montana, and Maine. ⊕ Plans to sell-off 1.4 million acres for development. ⊕ Opening forestlands to coalbed methane mining.

SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES ⊕ Replacing 70% of 1.4 million acre forest ownership with plantations via excessive clearcutting and toxic chemicals. ⊕ Logging old growth and roadless areas, including on National Forests. ⊕ Eliminating habitat for imperiled and threatened species on its lands and National Forests. ⊕ Largest purchaser of National Forest timber sales in California. ⊕ Guilty of past timber theft.

PACIFIC LUMBER CO. (MAXXAM) ⊕ Logging old growth in California, including old growth redwood. ⊕ Eliminating endangered species' habitats, including for highly imperiled marbled murrelet. ⊕ Repeated violations of the Endangered Species Act and state forestry rules. ⊕ Looted its employee pension fund. ⊕ Being sued for submitting fraudulent documents to California regulators.

POPE & TALBOT INC. ⊕ Clearcutting in endangered mountain caribou habitat and the last habitat for endangered Granby grizzly bears in Canada. ⊕ Replacing forests in Washington with residential sprawl and other nonforest land uses.

SIMPSON RESOURCE CO. ⊕ Eliminating habitat for spotted owl and other imperiled and threatened species in California. ⊕ Habitat for species requiring mature forests completely eliminated on Olympic Peninsula timberlands.

TIMBERWEST ⊕ Clearcutting old growth on Vancouver Island, BC. ⊕ Eliminating habitat for highly endangered Vancouver Island marmot.

CANADIAN FOREST PRODUCTS LTD. ⊕ Clearcutting old growth in Canada. ⊕ Logging in habitat for endangered mountain caribou and other imperiled species. ⊕ Using herbicides toxic to food sources for First Nation peoples and other fish and plants.

WELDWOOD ⊕ Clearcutting old growth in Alberta, Canada. ⊕ Eliminating habitat for endangered caribou, and impacting grizzly bear, wolf, lynx, fisher, and other imperiled species. *(Not SFI certified, but claims to be SFI compliant, and is controlled by SFI certified International Paper.)*

Dis-Honorable Mention:

INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO. – SOUTHEAST US ⊕ Perpetuating the conversion of N. Carolina's Green Swamp to plantations. ⊕ Purchasing wood from landowners that clearcut forests for wood chips or convert them to plantations and mining sites. ⊕ Replacing forests with subdivisions and other nonforest uses.

BOISE ⊕ Logging old growth on National Forests and Washington State Forests. ⊕ Member of industry group working to overturn protections for imperiled species and old growth forests on public forests.
⊕ Genetically modified tree research.

INTERNATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS LTD. ⊕ Clearcutting old growth forests in Clayoquot Sound in Canada. ⊕ Logging in habitat for endangered mountain caribou and marbled murrelets. ⊕ Using herbicides toxic to food sources for First Nation peoples and other fish and plants.

STIMSON LUMBER CO. ⊕ Pressuring the Forest Service to build a road through the Southfork Mountain roadless area, destroying its wilderness character. ⊕ Logging old growth forests and other wild, pristine forests. ⊕ Logging habitat for grizzly bear, bull trout, mountain caribou, and other endangered species.

JM HUBER CORP. ⊕ Clearcutting endangered Southeastern forests on the Cumberland Plateau and replacing them with plantations.